

Sub D3 16. (Amended) A compact sterilisation apparatus for medical instruments and the like which is easy to operate, handle and transport, said apparatus comprising:

a casing provided with a double-walled sterilisation boiler having an inner wall and an outer wall, whereby fluid is present between the inner and the outer wall such that a stable temperature of the inner wall can be achieved as well as steam generated therefrom, wherein said double-walled boiler comprises a cylindrical boiler placed within a cylindrical outer boiler, wherein the inner boiler has a volume of from about 10 to about 50 liters.

New Claims

Sub D5 22. (New) A sterilization apparatus for medical instruments and the like objects which are easy to handle and/or remove, consisting of:

a casing with a sterilization chamber comprising a double-walled boiler whereby fluid is present between the inner and the outer wall of said boiler;

regulators and heating elements for performing the sterilization process by means of which temperature and steam generated therefrom are controlled, wherein said casing comprises a cylindrical horizontally arranged boiler wherein said cylindrical inner boiler has a volume of 10 to 50 liters and is horizontally placed and wherein said fluid partially fills a cylindrical space between said boilers, and wherein during the sterilization process the upper cylindrical space is filled with steam pulsatingly into said inner boiler.

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 9 have been amended to more clearly claim the invention. Claim 22 has been added. No new matter has been added herewith. As a result of the amendment, Claims 1-12 and 14-22 are presented for further examination.

The changes made to the Specification and Claims by the current Amendments, including [deletions] and additions, are shown on the attached sheet entitled VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE, which follows the signature page of this Amendment.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph

The Examiner has rejected Claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite. More specifically, the Examiner believes that there is no antecedent basis in Claim 1